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Maximum Daily Load Phase II Evaluation**

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The purpose of this Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Addendum 2 is to outline a plan for sampling that will assist in verifying that the bacteria source has been eliminated from a drain tile entering Inglin Creek. Sampling procedures will be similar to the original QAPP (Roberts, 2001) and Addendum1 (Kardouni, 2009). This addendum includes project background, goal and objectives, field and laboratory procedures, proposed sampling schedule, project organization, and literature references.

Background

South Prairie Creek has a watershed cleanup plan designed to reduce fecal coliform (FC) bacteria loading (Roberts, 2003). The clean up process began in 2006 (Seabrook, et al, 2006). In 2008 and 2009 Ecology's Environmental Assessment Program conducted follow-up monitoring on two of the tributaries of concern, Inglin Creek and Spiketon Ditch. Sampling identified a drain tile (site T4DT) entering Tributary 4, a tributary to Inglin Creek. The FC bacteria concentrations at the drain tile were exceptionally high during most of the sampling events. The estimated geometric mean, from 27 samples taken from the drain tile during the 2008/2009 study, was 6,788 cfu/100mL (Kardouni, unpublished data; the technical report is expected in April 2010). The results from this sampling prompted the Pierce County Health Department to investigate the area and conduct corrective actions, where necessary. A septic system failure was found and is assumed to be corrected as of January 2010 (James, 2010).

Goals and Objectives

The project goal for water quality monitoring is:

- Characterize FC bacteria concentrations exiting from drain tile T4DT to verify that the human source was eliminated.

Project objectives for water quality monitoring are:

- Collect water quality samples to be analyzed for FC bacteria.
- Assess compliance with freshwater State Primary Contact water quality standards for FC bacteria. The standard is that the geometric mean concentration cannot exceed 100 cfu/100mL, with not more than 10% of the samples exceeding 200 cfu/100mL (Ecology 2006).
- Document FC bacteria concentrations exiting from drain tile T4DT.

Field Procedures

Ecology will collect a sample and replicate from the drain tile T4DT located at Tributary 4 on Inglin Creek (Figure 1). The sample location is at latitude 47.13459 and longitude -122.11034 near South Prairie Carbon River Rd. (Kardouni, unpublished). The samples will be collected weekly for ten weeks (Table 1). Table 2 describes the project deadlines.

Procedures for sampling FC bacteria will follow the most up-to-date protocols of Mathieu (2006). These protocols are similar to those of the original QAPP for the South Prairie Creek Total Maximum Daily Load study (Roberts, 2001).

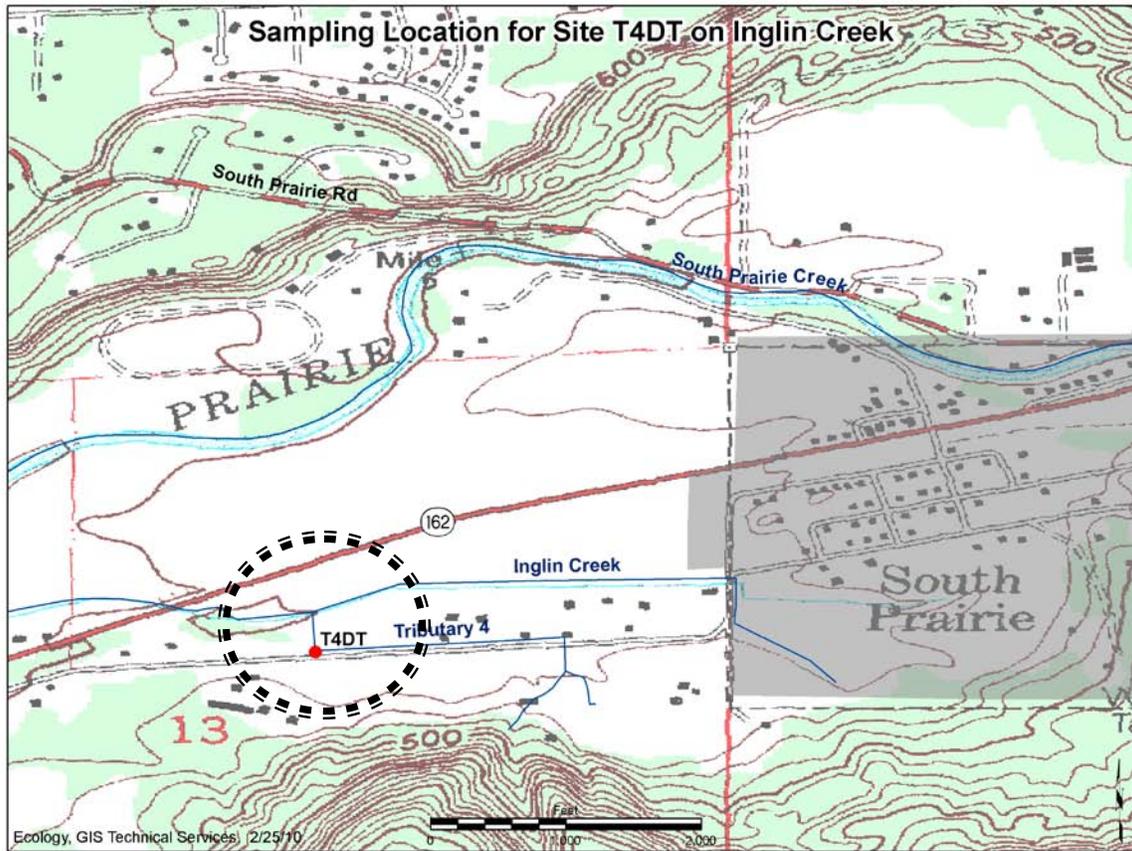


Figure 1. Detailed view of the sample location, T4DT, on a tributary to Inglin Creek.
The area of the site is circled.

Table 1. Proposed Sampling Schedule for T4DT.

Year	Month	Day
2010	March	9, 16, 23, 30
	April	6, 13, 20, 27
	May	4, 11

Table 2. Proposed Project Schedule

Task	Date of Completion
Completion of Final Approved QA Project Plan	March 2010
Sampling Period	March - May 2010
EIM data entry and QA	July 2010
Draft Study Report	August 2010
Final Report	November 2010

Quality control

Quality control will be assessed through the collection of replicate samples. One hundred percent replication will be performed by collecting a field replicate for each sample. Field precision will be expected to be within 28% relative standard deviation (RSD) (Roberts, 2001). RSD is the standard deviation of the replicates divided by the average of the replicates, expressed as a percentage. The Manchester Environmental Laboratory routinely takes duplicate samples to determine laboratory precision. The Lab accepts a 40% relative percent difference (RPD). The RPD is the difference between two sample results divided by their mean and expressed as a percentage.

Laboratory Procedures

The laboratory will follow protocols described in the Manchester Environmental Laboratory (MEL) User's Manual (MEL, 2008). The protocols are similar to those followed in the original QAPP.

- Method: membrane filter (MF), Standard Methods 9222D
- Detection Limit: 1 cfu/100 mL

The laboratory budget is estimated at \$460. This includes two samples for 10 events at \$23 per sample.

Project Organization

The following people are involved in this project:

Table 3. Organization of project staff and responsibilities.

Staff	Title	Responsibilities
Cindy James Water Quality Program Southwest Regional Office Phone: 360-407-6556	Client	Clarifies scope of the project. Provides internal review of the QAPP and approves the final QAPP. Field assistance. Reviews and approves draft and final report.
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EIM – Environmental Information Management system. QAPP – Quality Assurance Project Plan.		

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